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COURSE: Intelligence Principles
and Methods

SUBJECT: The Production of National Estimates

HOURS: 1½

METHOD OF PRESENTATION: Lecture-discussion

INSTRUCTOR (guest):

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OBJECTIVES OF INSTRUCTION

To explain the mission and function of the Office of National Estimates and to describe its production procedures.

SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION:

National estimates are the result of cooperation and team effort on the part of IAC member agencies. ONE/CIA supplies the coordination mechanism. There are two categories of estimates: (1) those for which evidence is adequate; (2) those for which the evidence is inadequate. Examples of each are discussed and the procedures followed in preparing an estimate are described step by step. In conclusion the problems faced by the estimators in reaching agreement are illustrated by a case history of an estimate dealing with a current situation.

SUBJECTS WITH WHICH COORDINATION IS REQUIRED:

Projects and problems of the course which apply similar methods and techniques.

REFERENCES:

Copies of typical NIE's.

REMARKS:

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